

Concordia Stingers



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Swirsky, Miller-Johnston named Athletes of the Year

Corinne Swirsky, a highly-skilled centre with the women's hockey team, and Dave Miller-Johnston, the All-Canadian punter, were named Concordia University's Athletes of the Year at an awards banquet held at Buffet Crystal in St. Laurent.

Swirsky, a third-year centre, was the leading scorer on the women's hockey team with 46 goals and 29 assists for 75 points in 37 games. She helped lead the Stingers to a gold medal at the inaugural CIAU Women's Ice Hockey Championship. She was named MVP of the tournament. She was also named the outstanding women's university hockey player in Canada and a CIAU All-Canadian. She has a bright future ahead of her as both a Stinger and one day as a member of Canada's national program.

Miller-Johnston, a place-kicker and punter with the football team, has had an exceptional senior campaign. He was an O-QIFC all-star at punter and place-kicker and he was the All-Canadian punter. He was one of two Canadian football players selected to play in the East-West Shrine Classic in Palo Alto, Calif., last January. He is expected to be a first-round pick in the CFL draft on Tuesday, April 7.

Other major award winners include: Rob Balazic, football, Fittest Male Athlete; Catherine Bertrand, women's hockey, Fittest Female Athlete; Yan St. Pierre, hockey, Ron Lapointe Award for leadership, dedication and commitment to excellence; Sylvie Lacombe, volleyball, Denise Beaudet Award for leadership, unselfishness and commitment to excellence; Michael Kieran, basketball, Male Rookie of the Year; Deana Huyghebaert, hockey, Laurie Brodrick Award for Female Rookie of the Year.

Directors Shields were given to Bryan Parker of the Concordian and PA announcer Larry Fredericks for their outstanding contributions to the Department of Recreation and Athletics. Also, Merit Awards were presented to Tamara Medwidsky of the wrestling team, Jennifer Smith of the women's basketball team, Dan Furlong of the men's basketball team and Ana Costa and Shawna Casement, who are student employees.

The Male and Female Academic Athlete of the Year Awards went to Patrick Groleau, a sociology and anthropology student who plays hockey, and Wanita Jones, a psychology and applied social sciences major and member of the women's basketball team.

The team MVPs are: Jay Prosper, men's basketball; Richard Yates, cross-country; Dave Miller-Johnston, football; Eric Nadeau, men's hockey; Alfredo Demartino, men's rugby; Dominic Frappier, men's skiing; Ari Angelopoulos, men's soccer; Headley Bent, men's track; David Chodat, men's wrestling; Marie-Hélène Héroux, women's basketball; Jennifer Casimir, cross-country; Corinne Swirsky, women's hockey; Erin Dance, women's rugby; Christine Cogger, women's skiing; Tanya Wutschert, women's soccer; Tamara Medwidsky, women's wrestling; Swanne Gordon, track; and Sylvie Lacombe, women's volleyball.

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